

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1312-K)**

**PATENT**

<b>In application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Kopreski</b>	)	<b>Before the Examiner:</b>
	)	<b>F. Wei Min Lu</b>
<b>Serial No. 10/658,873</b>	)	
	)	<b>Group Art Unit: 1634</b>
<b>Filed: September 5, 2003</b>	)	
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<b>For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring</b>	)	
<b>Cancer using Extracellular RNA</b>	)	

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 23, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed March 23, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Status of the claims.**

The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 29, 45 and 46 are pending at the issuance of this Office Action.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.